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Examiner Mirza,

Pursuant to our phone conversation, here is a proposed agenda and a draft amendment for the above-referenced application. Please note that this draft amendment is for discussion purposes only and is not intended to be entered into the prosecution record for this application.

As I mentioned previously, we would like to schedule a phone conversation with your primary examiner. Once you have determined a time when you are both available, please let me know.

Thanks again for your help,

Todd A. Cason

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**INTERVIEW AGENDA AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR  
SERIAL NO. 09/436,920 - FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY – NOT TO  
BE ENTERED WITHOUT APPLICANT'S APPROVAL**

**Proposed Agenda:**

1. Discuss consequences of the Board's decision regarding the scope of the claim term "communication link" and the Board's indication that this issue was not previously addressed or resolved during prosecution.

2. Discuss the following amendment proposed by the Applicant to address the Board's concerns:

A system for communicating management information, comprising:

a first interface card;

a second interface card; and

a management card coupled to the first interface card and the second interface card, the management card operable to:

receive a command from a client, the command identifying an interface card or a network device associated with an interface card;

establish a communication link between the client and a particular one of the first interface card and the second interface card selected in response to the command communicated by the client, wherein the communication link forms a complete path coupling at least the client to at least the particular interface card; and

communicate management information using the communication link.